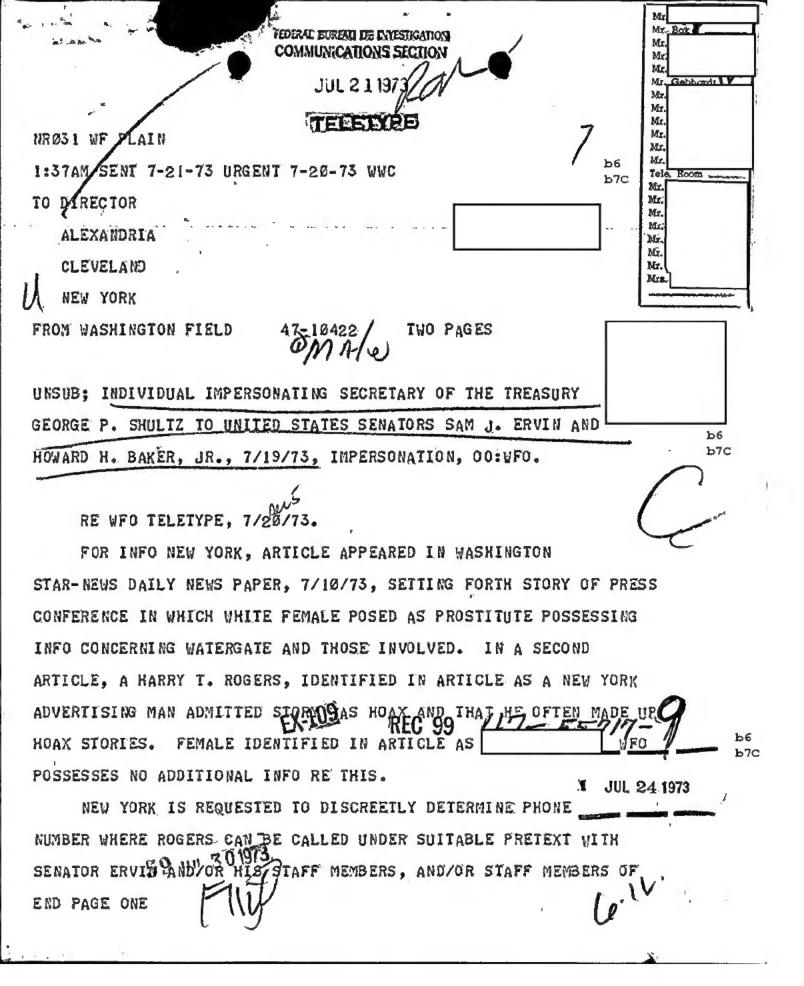
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UPON RECEIPT OF ABOVE REQUESTED INFORMATION, WFO WILL MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH THE OFFICES OF SENATOR ERVIN AND SENATOR BAKER TO CARRY THROUGH PRETEXT CALLS. UACB.

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REFERENCE WFO TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU, 7/20, 21, 23/73.

FOR INFORMATION NEW HAVEN, ABOVE CAPTIONED SENATOR ERVIN,
CHAIRMAN, SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN
ACTIVITES, RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL ON NOON JULY 19 LAST,
FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS SECRETARY SHULTZ

(TREASURY SECRETARY). THE CALLER ADVISED THE CHAIRMAN THAT? JUL 24 1973
PRESIDENTIAL TAPES RELEVANT TO THE "WATERGATE HEARINGS" WOULD BE
MADE AVAILABLE TO SENATOR ERVIN. ERVIN MADE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
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VIA NATIONAL TELEVISION WITH THE TAPES WOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

THIS WAS LATER ANNOUNCED BY ERVIN TO BE A HOAX.

THE CALLER WAS INTRODUCED TO ERVIN'S STAFF BY A FEMALE WHO SAID SHE WAS THE SECRETARY TO SECRETARY SHULTZ.

APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS LATER, SENATOR BAKER'S RECEPTIONIST RECEIVED A CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL STATING IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT HE CONTACT SENATOR BAKER INASMUCH AS HE HAD ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE SENATOR IN CONNECTION WITH THE TAPES INVOLVED IN THE "WATERGATE HEARINGS." THE CALLER WAS ON THE LINE 30-35 MINUTES AND WAS TRACED TO TELEPHONE NUMBER 525-9656, WHICH IS A PAY PHONE AT THE MARRIOTT KEY BRIDGE MOTEL, ROSSLYN, VIRGINIA. THE PHONE BOOTH WAS DUSTED FOR POSSIBLE FINGERPRINTS.

AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON STAR - NEWS DAILY NEWSPAPER, 7/10/73, STATING STORY OF PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH WHITE FEMALE POSED AS A PROSTITUTE POSSESSING INFORMATION CONCERNING WATERGATE AND THOSE INVOLVED. IN A SECOND ARTICLE IN THE WASHINGTON STAR - NEWS DAILY NEWSPAPER, A HARRY T. ROGERS END PAGE TWO

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IDENTIFIED IN THE ARTICLE AS A NEW YORK ADVERTISING MAN, ADMITTED.

STORY WAS A HOAX AND THAT HE OFTEN MADE UP "STORIES." FEMALE

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ON 7/23/73, WFO FURNISHED THE NYO WITH A FACSIMILE OF THE TWO ARTICLES APPEARING IN THE WASHINGTON STAR - NEWS CONCERNING THE ABOVE MENTIONED HOAX PRESS CONFERENCE. THESE ARTICLES IDENTIFIED HARRY TYAROGERS AS ALAMABEL, WHO THEY DESCRIBED AS A NEW YORK PRANKSTER, FILM MAKER, COMEDY WRITER AND ADVERTISING MAN WHO GETS HIS KICKS BY PUTTING ON HOAXES. THE ARTICLE INDICATED THAT HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY TELEPHONE BY GERRY OPPENHEIMER, A STAFF WRITER FOR THE STAR NEWS, BY TELEPHONE FROM HIS WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT HOME.

A FACSIMILE OF THESE ARTICLES WILL BE FURNISHED TO NEW HAVEN THIS DATE.

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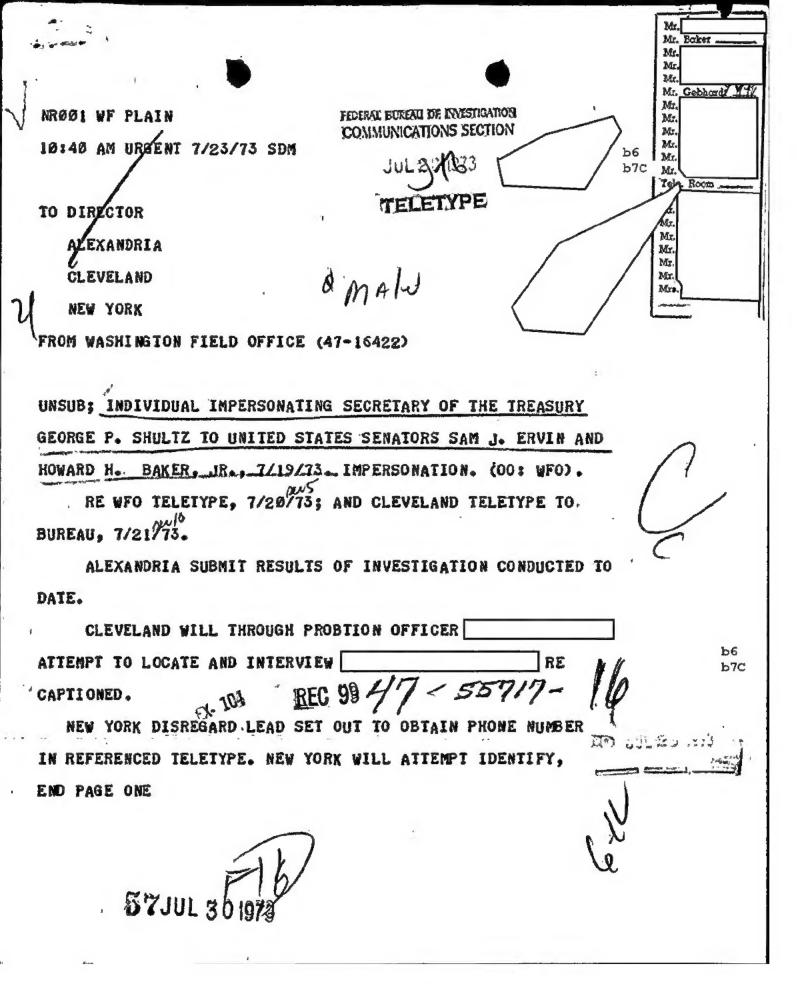
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PARTNER IN THE ABOVE HOAX APPEARING IN THE WASHINGTON STAR SO THAT SHE GAN BE INTERVIEWED, RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

3. WILL DETERMINE THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ABEL BOTH AT HIS HOME AND BUSINESS, SO THAT THE LONG DISTANCE TOLL RECORDS FOR THESE NUMBERS CAN BE REVIEWED FOR THE DATE 7/19/73.

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LOCATE, AND INTERVIEW HARRY T. ROGERS RECAPTIONED. WFO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REGARDING B7C HOAX STORY IN WHICH ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WERE INVOLVED.

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ABEL IN RECENT MORTGAGE APPLICATION LISTED EMPLOYMENT AT SPENCER PRODUCTION, 507 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, AS A WRITER AND PRODUCER. SPENCER PRODUCTIONS ENGAGED IN FILM PRODUCTIONS. LISTED PHONE NUMBER FOR SPENCER PRODUCTIONS IS NEW YORK CITY 697-5895.

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ABEL'S WESTPORT PHONE NUMBER IS 226-5596.

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NEW HAVEN, WILL CHECK LONG DISTANCE TOLL PHONE RECORDS FOR ABEL'S HOME PHONE 226-5596, TO DETERMINE WHAT LONG DISTANCE CALL WERE MADE ON 07-19-73.

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1033PM NITEL 07-26-73 PJR

TO DIRECTOR

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FROM NEW YORK 47-11377 4P

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GEORGE P. SCHULTZ TO U.S. SENATORS SAM J. ERVIN AND HOWARD H.

BAKER, JR., 7/19/73; IMPERSONATION.

RE NEW HAVEN TEL TO BUREAU 7/24/73 AND NY TEL TO RELIEF

7/26/757-104 SUPERVISOR |

ON 7/25/73, ALAN IRWIN ABEL (WHITE MALE, DOB 8/2/24) AKA HARRISON T. ROGERS, HARRY T. ROGERS, BRUCE SPENCER, PROFESSOR PARADIDDLE, INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE, 736 WEST END_AVENUE,_ HEW YORK CITY (TELEPHONE UN-5-8829). ABEL DENIED ANY JUL 27 1973 INVOLVEMENT IN CAPTIONED MATTER, STATING THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAS INVOLVED HIMSELF IN NUMEROUS HOAXES AND SPOOFS, THEY HAVE ALL END PAGE ONE

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BEEN DONE WITH HUMOR IN MIND AND DID NOT ENDANGER HIM WITH EITHER

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ABEL READILY ADMITTED TO SETTING UP PRESS CONFERENCE AT

SHOREHAM - AMERICANA HOTEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON 7/19/73 IN WHICH

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GOING TO "TELL ALL" IN REGARDS TO WATERGATE. THE WHOLE INTERVIEW WAS A SPOOF DESIGNED TO GIVE NEWSMEN COVERING WATERGATE SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT ON MONDAY, AN OFF DAY FOR THE HEARINGS, AND ALSO TO ENHANCE ABEL'S POSITION AS THE COUNTRY'S "GREATEST LIVING HOAXER," A POSITION HE CAPITALIZES ON IN ARTICLES, BOOKS AND TV TALK SHOWS.

ABEL ADVISED HE WAS IN NEW YORK ON 7/19/73 BECAUSE HE TAPED A SHOW FOR THE BBC IN NEW YORK THE FOLLOWING MORNING. OTHER THAN THE PRESS CONFERENCE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC ON 7/8-9/73, ABEL STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN OUT OF NEW YORK CITY ONLY TO VISIT HIS HOME IN WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT.

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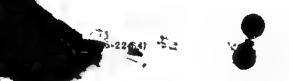
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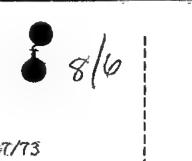
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HOME PHONE. BBC IN NEW YORK OBTAINING TAPE OF ABEL'S INTERVIEW OF 7/20/73 FROM LONDON. CAPTIONED MATTER DISCUSSED ON TAPE AND ABEL SUPPLIED SAME STORY AS ABOVE.

FD-302'S TO FOLLOW.

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will interview

a retired press agent and noted authority
on hoaxers, for his views on the captioned matter.

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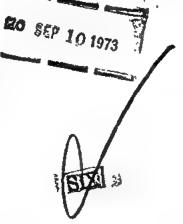
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SUBJECT:

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1-U.S. Attorney, Washington, D.C.

Report of: Office: Washington, D.C. Date: 10/30/73 Ъ6 ь7С Boreou File #. Field Office File #1 47-10422 UNKNOWN SUBJECT: Titles Individual impersonating secretary of treasury GEORGE P. SHULTZ TO U.S. SENATORS SAM'J. ERVIN AND HOWARD H. BAKER, JR. JULY 19, 1973 Character: IMPERSONATION Synopsis: Investigation conducted at WDC; New York, New York; Canton, Ohio; Granite Falls, North Carolina; Winthrop, Massachusetts; and Miami, Florida, negative regarding UNKNOWN SUBJECT making hoax call to Senators SAM ERVIN and HOWARD BAKER on July 19, **b**6 1973. Following suspects developed: ALAN IRWIN ABEL, white ь7с male, DOB 8/2/24, at Zanesville, Ohio;

Interviews and/or investigation set forth. Investigation regarding suspects met with negative results regarding hoax caller.

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PREDICATION:

This investigation was predicated upon receipt of information from Senator SAM ERVIN's office that an individual identifying himself as Secretary of the Treasury, GEORGE P. SHULTZ, had telephonically advised Senator ERVIN that Presidential tapes would be released to the Senate Committee on Presidential Campaign activities which is chaired by Senator ERVIN. This call was later determined to be a hoax.

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The following story appeared in the Washington Star News, Washington, D.C., dated July 12, 1973.

Investigation was conducted regarding ALAN ABEL and

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SEX REVIDATIONS ALL BALONEY

'Miss Faye Martin'

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By Jerry Opponheitner

The masked, bewigged and mini-skirted call girl who came to Washington on Monday offering to tell the Seante Watergate committee about pay-for-play sex in high political places is actually an actress who participated in another hoax masterminded by New York prankster Alan Abel.

Abel, a 46-year-old filmmaker, comedy writer and advertising man—who gets his kicks by putting on the news media and the public—admitted his latest stunt yesterday in a telephone interview from his Westport, Conn., home after being recognized here on Monday by a Star-News reporter.

"It adds a little spice (to the Watergate affair) when you throw sex in." said Abel. "It was just a lark. Our intent was not to defraud, or criminally libel anyone. The whole thrust of the session was to come down to Washington and tell nothing but lies, because we all know everybody is now telling the truth," he said.

During the height of the Cifford Irving-Howard Hughes affair Abel posed as Hughes swathed in bandages. Abel called a press conference and about 150 reporters and photographers showed up to interview him and take his picture.

Abel identified his partner in the Watergate hoax as a New York actress, comedian and parttime school teacher, who played the part of a topless masseuse in an X-rated, satirical film produced by Abel two years ago called, "Is there Sex After Death?"

The actress had been part of the Second City improvisational treape in Chicago. She could not be reached for comment.

Abel's best-known hoax is an organization he founded several years ago called the Society for Indecency to Naked Animals (SINA). In two years the society gained a membership of about 50,000 people around the country who called for the clothing of animals.

He once led a SINA demonstration in front of the White House.

Washington Star-News

AT A NEWS conference attended by more than a dozen reporters at the Shoreham-Americana hotel here on Monday, Abel introduced his hoax partner as "Miss Faye Martin," who he said was a former Darien, Conn., debutante turned prostitute.

Abel identified himself to reporters as Harry T. Rogers, a lawyer from a small Midwestern town. He said he was there to help the young woman — wearing an eye mask, blond wig and skimpy skirt — "as a friend of her family" who "didn't want to get involved."

The night before the news conference — held in a \$200 a day suite which Abel got at a discount rate, according to a hotel official — he sent telegrams from New York to the major news organizations in Washington

On Monday afternoon following the news conference. Abel, continuing his pose, telephoned the Senate. Watergate committee and told John Elmore, an aide to committee counsel Samuel Dash, that "Miss Martin" would be willing to tell all.

Elmore confirmed the telephone call yesterday and said he had passed the information on, but that the staff had not decided whether to get in touch with the mystery woman.

At the press conference, the make believe lady of the night claimed that she had been hired by politicians to spy on their political rivals and to photocopy documents they carried to her apartment for blackmail purposes.

Abel, as Rogers, also showed reporters a can of film he said contained movies of "Miss Martin" engaging in sex with a noted politician.

Abel said yesterday that the can contained a blank reel of film.

HR SAID the whole frunt cost him about \$240 for the telegrams, hotel suite, air fare from New York for himself and the actress, and coffee for the reporters.

"I look at it as a deductible expense item for research and therapy — therapy for me anyhow. I have to do something like this at least once a year, otherwise I go crazy. I'd go crazy if all I had to do was play golf, fish or sit around and drink."

Now that his Watergate hoar is out of the way, Abel said, he is about to get down to serious insiness—lecturing and writing "on a major problem facing all of us today—the growth of the big toe."

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7/27/73 ALAN IRVIN ABEL, Apartment 10, 736 West End Avenue, New York, New York, was interviewed at his residence. Prior to the interview, ABEL was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and told that the interview would center around his history of perpetrating hoaxes and in particular **b6** his involvement with in a press conference held ь7С in Washington, D.C., on July 9, 1973. ABEL advised that he earns a portion of his income from perpetrating news and media appealing hoaxes and 'spoofs, which he writes about later for various magazines. He stated that he has written two books, Confessions of a Hoaxer, McMillan (1970) and The Great American Hoax, Trident Press (1966); appeared on numerous television talk shows such as JOHNNY CARSON, MERV GRIFFIN, and JACK PAAR; and also wrote, produced, and played in the movie, "Is There Sex After Death". ABEL explained that he has not, nor ever would, do anything in his hoaxes which could be construed as libelous, defamatory, or criminal in nature. He readily admitted to staging the press interview of ______ true.name _____ in the press interview of b6 مرور بالمراج المرور He stated that an actress with whom he has worked in the past, posed as a debutante-teacher, turned prostitute, who was going to "tell all" in regards to the Watergate investigation. He said that the press conference was timed for a Monday, in order to attract the Watergate Hearings press corps, who were awaiting the reopening of sessions on Tuesday, July 10, 1973. ABEL noted that a series of penetrating questions soon broke the story of and exposed the press **b**6 conference as a spoof, for which it was intended. He added **b**7C that he used the name, HARRY T. ROGERS, and acted as advisor during the interview. ABEL was questioned in regards to his possible involvement in the telephone call made to Senators SAM ERVIN and HOWARD BAKER, on July 19, 1973, wherein the caller identified himself 7/25/73 New York, New York NY 47-11377 SAS Ъ6 7/27/73 and MLM: mmm Date dictated

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as Secretary of the Treasury GEORGE SCHULTZ and then told the senators that the President would release certain tapes and information pertinent to the Watergate investigation.

ABEL stated that he was in no way involved in the matter and would not have become involved, because it was an illegal, harmful, and detrimental act that went against his self preserving policy of avoiding incidents which could get him into trouble. He stated that he has been in New York City since returning from his two day press conference trip to Washington, D.C. (July 8-9, 1973), except for occasional trips to his recently purchased home at 128 Newtown Turnpike, Westport, Connecticut.

Asked for his whereabouts on July 19, 1973, ABEL stated that he was 99 percent sure that he was in New York City because he had a taped interview with the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) in New York City scheduled for the following morning, July 20. 1973. and would have staved in New York as a convenience.

in regards to having appear before the committee. He advised that he had made the call and had spoken with a man with a southern accent, who told him that his proposal would be forwarded for consideration. He was asked just how he knew what number to call to reach the Watergate Committee, to which he replied that he merely dialed "Information" in Washington, D.C., presented his proposal of having a potential witness for the Watergate Committee to the operator and she gave him a telephone number, since lost, which he called, reaching the man with the southern accent.	.7C
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ABEL was questioned in regard to his office at 507 Fifth Avenue. He stated that he utilizes a very small office on the third floor of 507 Fifth Avenue under the name of Spencer Productions, Incorporated and Abel-Child Productions. This office is serviced by the Marshall Business Service, also 507 Fifth Avenue, which gives the operation a large scale impression to a caller, as well as a prestigeous address to a correspondent. He added that the CHILD of Abel-Child Productions was
ABEL stated that the name, YETTA BRONSTEIN, appearing on his office door was fictitious. He explained that has assumed this identity on occasions and has "run" for President and Mayor of New York City as a crusading Bronx housewife whose blogan is "I can get it for you wholesale". Again he noted, the whole agea being a publicity noax.
ABEL further explained that Spencer Productions and BRUCE SPENCER are off shoots of his personality. He stated that he has used the identity of BRUCE SPENCER to act as a press agent for himself. ABEL noted that the other inscription on his office door, "SINA", stands for The Society for Indecency to Naked Animals, a fictitious organization and idea he propagated as a hoax, which drew large scale support from concerned citizens across the country.
ABEL concluded by stating that he was in no way involved in the hoax call to Senators SAM ERVIN and HOWARD BAKER on July 19, 1973, noting that it was not his style and was against his principles.
Asked for possible suspects, ABEL stated that contact with
knows everyone in the publicity-hoaxer field, and although he is sure that would never do anything like call Senator ERVIN, he

might be able to offer the	names of a suspect or two. b6
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LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will arrange for staff members to listen to tape of voice of ALAN ABEL, furnished by the New York Office.



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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; INDIVIDUAL IMPERSONATING SECRETARY OF TREASURY GEORGE P. SHULTZ

TO U.S. SENATORS SAM J. ERVIN AND HOWARD H. BAKER, JR., 7/19/73.

Character

IMPERSONATION

Symposis Administrative aides to Senator SAM J. ERVIN in Washington, D.C. (WDC), listened to tape of voice of ALAN IRWIN ABEL and were unable to identify as being that of unknown subject.

Investigation in Columbus, Ohio, determined that suspect did not use his employer's telephone or telephone. Chiracteristic card to make a call to WDC on 7/19/73.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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On November 9, 1973, ______ Secretary to U.S. Senator SAM ERVIN, Old Senate Office Building, Suite 337, personally listened to a taped conversation held between WILLIAM HARTCROFT of the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) and ALAN ABEL which was taped on July 20, 1973. The tape was furnished by ______, Program Department, BBC, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, Suite 2153.

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After hearing ABEL's voice she stated it definitely was not that of the person who called the office of Senator ERVIN on July 19, 1973 and was later determined to be a hoax caller. The individual on the tape did not sound as old as the hoax caller.

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On November 9, 1973, Staff Assistant, Office of U.S. Senator SAM ERVIN, Old Senate Office Building, b7C Suite 337 personally listened to a copy of a tape of the appearance of ALAN ABEL at the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) studio on July 20, 1973. ABEL gave an interview, which was taped, to WILLIAM HARTCROFT for his show in Great Britain. The tape was furnished to the FBI by Program Department, BBC, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, Suite 2153. After hearing ABEL's voice, **b6** stated the person "could possibly" have been the individual who called the office b7C of the Senator on July 19, 1973, a call which later was deter-. mined to be a hoax. advised he could not say for sure as the time period between the hoax call and listening to the tapes was great. He was not sure he could identify the voice of the hoax caller.